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ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICIALS,  
ROMANIA HAS NOT YET MADE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR NUCLEAR  
POWER PLANTS EXCEPT FOR INITIAL SOVIET VVER 440 MEGAWATT  
REACTOR TO BE INSTALLED NEAR SLATINA. ROMANIANS LEAN  
TOWARD HEAVY WATER REACTORS BECAUSE THESE OZNOATE DEPEND-  
ENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ENRICHED URANIUM, BUT ALL  
POSSIBILITIES BEING EXPLORED AND ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE  
INDICATED THEY MAY NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO ONLY ONE TYIQ.  
POSSIBILITIES OF US PARTICIPATION WILL OF COURSE DEPEND  
ON TECHNOLOGY ADOPTED AND ARE PROBABLY BETTER FOR SUPPLY  
OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THAN ENGINEERING/DESIGN.  
HOWEVER, ONE SPECIFIC ENGINEERING PROBLEM ROMANIANS ARE  
INVESTIGATING IS WHETHER LIQUID-GAS-COOLED REACTORS, IN  
WHICH ROMANIA HAS SHOWN INTEREST, COULD BE ADAPTED TO  
SERVE AS SOURCE OF INDUSTRIAL HEAT AS WELL AS ELECTRICITY.

2. NELU VASILESCU, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT IN  
ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY, IS SCHEDULED TO  
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PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-REGIONAL ENERGY PROJECT IN US JULY 13-

AUGUST 11. VASILESCU IS SPECIALIST ON NUCLEAR DESIGN PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING ENGINEERING FIRM MENTIONED REF A, OR OTHERS, IN TOUCH WITH HIM DURING US STAY.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST FIRM SEND EMBASSY ECON SECTION AT LEAST THREE SETS OF COMPANY BORCHURES DESCRIBING CAPABILITIEE IN NUCLEAR FIELD FOR DISTRIBUTIONTO ROMANIAN AGENCIES.

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